

LIST AND GROUPING OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS

AB 1548 identified 14 specific environmental topics¹ for consideration and provided for the addition of other important topics. The Technical Team reviewed the original 14 topics with technical experts from the participating state agencies as well as university faculty, and representatives of non-governmental environmental organizations and businesses. As a result of this process, the Technical Team proposes to augment original list of environmental topics and group them for the purposes of the development of the environmental principles and concepts. The proposed topics and groups are as follows:

Energy

- energy [resources]
- conservation

Water

- water [resources]
- aquatic ecosystems such as inland waterways, riparian areas, and freshwater wetlands
- fish and wildlife resources
- conservation

Terrestrial Ecosystems

- forests, deserts, grasslands, chaparral, and other ecosystems
- fish and wildlife
- soil resources
- conservation

Marine Ecosystems

- oceans
- wetlands, estuaries and other coastal environments
- fish and wildlife resources
- conservation

Pollution

- air [quality]
- water [quality]
- soil contamination
- pollution prevention
- reduction of toxics and hazardous waste
- integrated pest management
- public health and the environment

Natural Resources Management

- resource conservation
- recycling
- integrated waste management

The following strands will be taken into account as the Technical Working Groups develop the topic-specific environmental principles and concepts, (the underlined strands are recommended additions):

- Environmental sustainability
- Environmental justice, and environmental laws and regulations
- Human activity — including agriculture, forestry, transportation, housing and commerce
- Global climate change

¹ AB 1548 specified that the environmental principles shall include, but not be limited to, concepts relating to the following topics:

1. Environmental sustainability	6. Fish and wildlife resources	11. Public health and the environment
2. Water	7. Oceans	12. Pollution prevention
3. Air	8. Toxics and hazardous waste	13. Resource conservation and recycling
4. Energy	9. Integrated waste management	14. Environmental justice
5. Forestry	10. Integrated pest management	